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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	08/533,895	TOPALIAN ET AL.
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--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

THE REPLY FILED 13 June 2003 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
 - (a) they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 - (b) they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
 - (c) they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 - (d) they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: See Continuation Sheet.

3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. The a) affidavit, b) exhibit, or c) request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: See Continuation Sheet.
6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) will not be entered or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

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Claim(s) allowed: none.

Claim(s) objected to: 107-111.

Claim(s) rejected: 100-106, 112-117, 127 and 137.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: 118-126 128-136.

8. The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is a) approved or b) disapproved by the Examiner.

9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.

10. Other: _____

Continuation of 2. NOTE: The limitation of "less than 34 amino acids in length" would be New Matter. Merely including examples which are less than 34 amino acids in length does not constitute adequate support for the recitation. The Court has ruled that a genus may not support a subgenus even though there is a disclosed species within the subgenus (In re Smith, 173 USPQ 679 (CCPA 1972)). In the present case, 'immunogenic peptides consisting essentially of derivatives which are 85% identical to a portion of SEQ ID NO: 39' constitutes the genus at issue, 'individually disclosed peptides of less than 34 amino acids' in length constitute the individual species, and 'immunogenic peptides consisting essentially of derivatives which are 85% identical to a portion of SEQ ID NO: 39 WHICH ARE less than 34 amino acids in length' constitutes the subgenus. In keeping with the finding in Smith, the recitation of species here does not constitute support for claims to the subgenus. Further, the recitation would require additional search, as the limitation was not previously a matter of consideration.

Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: Applicant's arguments were based on the New Matter contained in the proposed After-Final Amendment. The rejections are maintained for the reasons of record.